

Gr. 1, Theme 8, Story 3  
Johnny Appleseed, Fluency

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So people called him Johnny Appleseed. Johnny was young  
when our country was young. Back then many people  
were moving West. There were no towns, no schools,  
and not many homes. And there were no apple trees.  
Johnny was going West, too. He wanted to plant apple trees.  
He wanted to make the West a nicer place to live.  
So Johnny got a big, big bag. He filled it with apple seeds.  
Then he set out. Johnny walked for days and weeks.  
On and on. Soon his clothes were rags. He had no shoes.  
And what kind of hat did he wear? A cooking pot!  
That way he didn't have to carry it. Snow came.  
Did Johnny stop? No. He made snowshoes.  
Then he walked some more. Spring came.  
Johnny was out West now. He stopped by a river.

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